

PRESENTATION TO THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN

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1. Dilemma.
  - a. Getting them to school.
  - b. Keeping them in school.
  - c. Passing classes.
  - d. Staying out of trouble.
  - e. Graduating.
2. There 4 factors that affect student learning – not one.
  - a. The Teacher.
  - b. School Environment.
  - c. Home environment – Parents.
  - d. The Student -- attitude and effort.
3. Why are at-risk students at-risk?
  - a. Hope?
  - b. Future?
  - c. Plan?
  - d. Relevancy with school?
4. Solutions to be considered:
  - a. Prevention
  - b. Support system
  - c. Urgency
5. Examples of Solutions
  - a. Ruby Payne.
  - b. Parental/Adult Involvement outside of school.
  - c. Relationships.
  - d. At-Risk Liaison at BHMSD.
  - e. Basic skills class run by Teaching Assistant with Psychology degree.
  - f. Teacher part of the day to work with at-risk students.
  - g. Weekly meetings. Plans include:
    - i. Study tables after school.
    - ii. Meeting with parents.
    - iii. Probation department.
    - iv. Academic success.
  - h. Alternative school – 20 students.
    - i. Mentors from the community and our school.
6. Example from Bluffton High School.
7. We must continue to work together. We need:
  - a. Someone to make students come to school.
  - b. Someone to provide a healthy environment outside of school.
  - c. Someone to hold parents accountable.
  - d. Someone to care.
  - e. Programs + People = Hope.